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SUBJ: FRENCH VIEWS ON VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA

REFS: A) STATE 148940; B) USUN 3164

1. WHEN AMB. BENNETT BRIEFED FRANCE'S UN PERM REP DEGUINGAUD ON OUR KOREAN INITIATIVE (REF B), AMB. DEGUINGAUD ALLUDED TO VIETNAM. DE GUINGAUD EXPECTED BOTH VIETNAMS TO APPLY FOR UN MEMBERSHIP. BENNETT RESPONDED ALONG LINES REFTTEL AND WENT ON TO ASK ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR UNIFICATION IN VIETNAM. DE GUINGAUD FORECAST EVENTUAL UNIFICATION, BUT SAID FRANCE IS UNCERTAIN WHETHER THIS WILL BE IN "ONE, TWO, THREE OR MORE YEARS".

2. DE GUINGAUD ALSO PREDICTED THAT VIETNAM, IN DUE COURSE, WILL VIE WITH ALGERIA FOR LEADERSHIP WITHIN THE NON-ALIGNED. HE UNDERScoreD THAT NORTH VIETNAM, SIMILAR TO ALGERIA, HAS AN ENERGETIC LEADERSHIP CADRE, A DISCIPLINED POPULATION, AND IS POTENTIALLY WELL OFF IN NATURAL RESOURCES (E.G., OFFSHORE OIL). THUS DE GUINGAUD CONCLUDED WITH A SLY SMILE, "FRENCH WILL REMAIN THE LANGUAGE OF REVOLUTION."

3. WHEN AMB. BENNETT ASKED ABOUT CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN
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CAMBODIA, AMB. DEGUINGAUD CLAIMED NO INFORMATION WHATSOEVER. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE US "WITH ITS CAPACITY FOR ELECTRONIC

SURVEILLANCE AND NEARBY MILITARY BASES IN THAILAND" MIGHT
BE BETTER FURNISHED THAN FRANCE ON THIS. AMB. BENNETT REPLIED
THAT THE CAMBODIANS HAVE EVIDENTLY GONE SO PRIMITIVE THAT
EVEN THEIR RADIO STATIONS HAVE LEFT THE AIR.
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